THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



EWSLETTER



1999 ANS Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting on October 23, 1999 Donald G. Partrick was elected President of the American Numismatic Society. Stephen Scher was elected First Vice-President, and Roger Hornsby was re-elected as Second Vice President. Jonathan Kagan remains as Treasurer and Executive Director Ute Wartenberg was elected Secretary of the Society.

Arthur Houghton, outgoing President of the American Numismatic Society, thanked the staff and the Council for their support and work during his presidency. Mr. Houghton, who will remain a member of the Council and the Executive Committee, wished his successor success for the future.

Executive Director Ute Wartenberg thanked all staff for their hard work over the last year. She also reported on plans by the architects Sam White and Josh Brandfonbrener of Buttrick White & Burtis for the renovation of the new building at 140 William Street which is progressing well. Plans for the renovation of the infrastructure and three floors are well under way, which will house the library, vault, and offices for staff as well

as visitors' facilities. On the finances of this project, Dr. Wartenberg said: "To complete this building work by next year, we will need c. \$6 million. I am thrilled to report that fundraising for this extraordinary project has been going beyond my wildest dreams. We have now raised over \$5 million in cash and pledges from Council members towards this goal. Virtually all Council members have contributed to this great venture, and I hope you all join me in thanking our Councilors for this extraordinary effort. We can now

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GETTING TO KNOW THE PRESIDENT

Arlene Jacobs interviewed Donald G. Partrick the new ANS President about his passion for collecting and his goals for the ANS.

How did you first get interested in numismatics?

About 1960 I needed a hobby to get my mind off business. I have always been athletically active but decided the hobby for me should not be physical. I wanted to be able to use it at anytime, anywhere, regardless of the weather.

My father had given me a few coins years before, but I had never paid much attention to them. Frankly, business was first and foremost to me, and I did not need to get "sidetracked". Subsequently, I elected to get a little "sidetracked" and decided to look into coins.

I was very suspicious of any chance of finding anything in circulation that would be worth more than face value. Searching coin bags that were weekly collected from washing machines became my focal point, and I bought one of those slide light machines where one could do 1,000 coins in an hour. Some very nice high quality specimens appeared every once in a while. I would come across a mint or proofquality piece. I had a formidable collection of almost every date with exceptions like the '16D dime and the '32D quarter.

Certainly the mint state or proof specimens had to have been from someone's collection. More than likely, a husband left his wife without enough change to do the weekly laundry, so he paid the penalty when she cleaned out his pockets as well

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ANS President Donald G. Partrick

Partrick interview continued as his drawers.

Much to my surprise, not only did I achieve reasonable quality but also some reasonable value. Finding a dime worth \$2.00 was, indeed, a big accomplishment, considering that in the beginning I was very sanguine about ever having any monetary success. After that experience, I began to circulate around the local dealers and found Civil War tokens (at 10 cents each). That really stirred my interest.

After these various episodes and 50,000 silver coins later, I went into the city to the Metropolitan Coin Show. After visiting various tables, one particular dealer had some lovely colonial coins—very interesting from a beauty standpoint and, more importantly, from their historical significance. This is when my collecting juices flowed, and I really went into high gear.

How did you get involved in the ANS?

In the early 1960s, I met Richard Picker, a well-known dealer in early Americana, and he set me straight and taught me what a collector had to learn in order to achieve a notable collection. It was Dick who first enlightened me about the existence of the American Numismatic Society. After my first visit to the ANS, I felt it was my duty to support the museum because of the wealth of knowledge and research that became so readily available to me for future learning about coin collecting and numismatic history in general. The availability of such wonderful coins, paper money, catalogues, books and records showed me that the ANS was a gem to be recognized and supported, so I joined the ANS in 1965.

Did your collecting interests enlarge or change over time?

With the exposure that the ANS afforded me and with my own thoughts of early Americana being of such immense interest, I gradually expanded my horizons from colonial coins to political merchant and historical tokens. George Washington, the father of our country, particularly aroused my patriotic feelings, and Washingtonia is of particular interest to me. I have limited myself to collecting from colonial times up to the Civil War; importantly, for their historical significance of the period and the particular enjoyment I derive from these fields.

This is not my concept of what every collector should do. I leave it up to individuals to decide for themselves. All areas of numismatics have tremendous intrigue and insight, and I can see where any collector in any field gets the same tremendous feeling of accomplishment that I have attained with my fifty years of collecting.

Do you collect anything else?

I also collect Indian Peace Medals, colonial silver, buttons, American Indian prints, beach glass, bottles, and insulators. As a youngster I collected matchbooks and World War II patriotic posters. Unfortunately, those collections were lost. All of the rest are still with me, and I enjoy them daily. I cannot say that the collections I still retain are any more valuable than the matchbooks or the posters, but having the fun of adding or finding new specimens always keeps my collector spirit at a full tilt.

What other interests do you have?

My other interest include hunting, fishing, and maintaining a wildlife preserve near Monticello, New York. Working out and practicing karate daily are other favorite activities.

I have been a member of the Council of the ANS for years. My interest in becoming a member of the Council was initially aroused by the late Harry Bass of Dallas, Texas. After his service as President, I made it my goal to become a Council member so that someday I could help lead the ANS to maintain, and eventually improve, its premier stature in the world of numismatics.

What will the ANS achieve under your presidency?

The ANS is on a course of destiny, Now removed from the proximity of other international museums, the ANS has found a new home at Fulton and William Street, a major intersection of New York City's rapid transit system in the heart of the financial capital of the world. I look forward to the American Numismatic Society's continued growth with the new millennium, and I welcome its members to join in its success.

BULLOWA CONFERENCE

The fifth annual David M. Bullowa Conference, devoted to presentations of returning Graduate Seminar alumni, will be held at the museum on Audobon Terrace on Saturday, January 15, 2000, at 3:00 P.M. This will be the tenth year that the Society's January meeting is focused on such presentations.

Featured this year will be Martin Beckmann of McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, speaking on "Trajan's Early COS VI Gold"; Tiffany J. Grade of the University of Notre Dame, who will discuss "The Monetary Reforms of Henry V in France"; and Mark Metzler of Utica College, Schenectady, NY, who will talk about "A Currency Revolution in Late Eighteenth-Century Japan." The meeting will be followed by a reception.

New Opening Hours

In preparation for the move to 140 William Street and to reduce operating costs, the Council of the American Numismatic Society has decided to change the opening hours of the American Numismatic Society. The exhibition halls, coin rooms and library will be open to visitors from Tuesday through Friday, 9 am – 4:30 pm.

The Society and all its facilities will be open on the following Saturdays during the first half of 2000:

January	15	David M.	Bullowa
		Memorial	Conference

February 12	Saltus Award Meeting,
	including the Stephen K.
	Scher Lecture

February 26	The Day of the Etruscans
March 18	Huntington Award Meeting
April 15	Groves Forum in American
	Numismatics

May 6	"China's Currency in the
	Twentieth Century"

May 20	Second Annual Krause-
	Mishler World Coins
	Forum

June 17	ANS Members	
	Recognition Day	

These events are listed in detail on the ANS calendar.

ANS Welcomes New Staff

Vanessa J. Samet

Vanessa Samet joined the ANS as a Development Consultant on November 4, 1999. She is the former Director of Administration and Development at the Swiss Institute in New York and worked previously at the World Monuments Fund and Christie's. Ms. Samet received her B.A. in Art History from Boston University and her M.A. in Arts Administration from New York University.

Ms. Samet will work jointly with Arlene Jacobs on public relations and on the Capital Campaign that the ANS will launch in January 2000.



Richard Dodd joined the ANS on August 18, 1999, as Accounting Manager. Richard has extensive experience in commercial and non-profit fund accounting. He has held the position of Chief Financial Officer of several non-profit organizations. Most recently, he served as Financial Consultant to the Swiss Institute, a non-profit cultural organization in Soho. He is a graduate of Long Island University with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting management.

Richard's immediate responsibilities with the ANS are to complete the financial



reports, audits and information tax returns for the fiscal year just ended. Subsequently, he will supervise the installation of the ANS's newly acquired Blackbaud accounting software and design improved accounting reports. He will be involved in financial statement development, internal and external financial reports, improved internal controls, audit preparation, bank financing, business plans, budgeting, cash management and employee benefits.

Sebastian Heath

As a result of the initiative of Harry Bass, Jr. the ANS began its web-site in 1996. With information about the Society and its activities, as well as a searchable database of the Society's coin collection, the web-site is an important component of our outreach efforts to members and the general public. Ed Deane did much of the work on the current site and deserves many thanks for his efforts. On-line resources need maintenance, however, and that is just what we are doing at the ANS.

Sebastian Heath, a graduate student in Classical Archaeology at the University of Michigan, has been hired to work on both the content and appearance of our webpages. The first step was moving the site to http://www.amnumsoc.org/ from the old www.amnumsoc2.org address. He is

redesigning and reorganizing existing content to be in place by the new year. In preparation for the move to 140 William Street, he is also preparing an entirely new interface to the Society's coin database and is working with Sharon Suchma, our photographer, to make images of all our coins publicly available on the internet. Early versions of this work should be useable before next October but full deployment requires the improved network access we will enjoy at the new building.

We hope that these efforts will make the Society a leader amongst museums using the internet to serve the public, Of course, we need your feedback to know how you use the site and how we can make it better so please send suggestions and comment to Sebastian Heath at heath@amnumsoc.org.

The Society's Digital Lab Continues to Grow

In keeping with growing technical demands, the photography department has recently expanded its digital lab with the purchase of a new Olympus C2000 Zoom filmless, digital camera. The C2000 is able to capture an image at an extremely high resolution in TIFF (Tagged-Image File Format) format which supports a compression method that does not discard detail from the image as it is transferred (as opposed to the more common JPEG format which does discard detail).

By shooting the images in this format we are not only able to provide our customers, patrons, and fellow institutions with a superior quality print, but the images that are to be displayed on our website will also be of the highest standard.

The ability to scan and transfer images in TIFF format is essential for the development of our forthcoming on-line web catalog. The first purpose of the catalog is to maintain and document the vast ANS collection.

It also, however, can provide access to a broader audience, meeting the needs of those who seek to utilize our collection and those who are new to the study of numismatics. Moreover, the equipment upgrade allows the department to refine its photo-digital imagery techniques. The department is also looking forward to posting on-line exhibits at our website, working hand in hand with the curatorial and computer departments to share our collection with numismatists and non-numismatists alike.



Annual Meeting continued

go out to our other members and friends. I know that many of you will want to join in and be part of this success story."

The vision of the future ANS is to offer greater access to the collections of the Society. Exhibitions and educational programs for collectors, scholars, school-children and many others are at the forefront of the program for the ANS. The Website will help to make numismatic publications and tools available to people that are unable to visit the Society in person.

As Dr. Wartenberg also pointed out, there is some need to look at the ANS and its structure if it is going to survive in a competitive market of museums today. A strategy that addresses the Society's financial needs is being prepared, which include a major capital campaign, cutting operating costs, as well as restructuring. "All these measures will be designed to increase our visibility within the numismatic community and the museum world at large, to make the collections more accessible to many more people, and to get more people to enjoy numismatics as we all do", Dr. Wartenberg said.

Cutatorial Department

The five curators presented the reports of their departments, Dr. Metcalf speaking for Dr. Bates who was away on leave. Dr. Metcalf drew attention to significant dona-

tions from William B. Warden, Jr., including a rare Umayyad copper with a senmiry, a mythological beast, on the reverse. The highlight of the Roman department's acquisitions was a series of five denarii of the Civil Wars of 68/9, of which one is the second known specimen. Dr. Stahl drew attention to the gift of Zvi Griliches, the Warburg Professor of Economics at Harvard University, who donated a collection of medals he has been assembling for many years of the work of his distant relatives, Avenir and Avraam Griliches. These men, father and son, were successively chief engravers at the Saint Petersburg Mint at the turn of the last century, a great achievement for observant Jews from Vilna. Dr. Kleeberg's presentation focused on Dr. Lawrence E. Cutler's donation of 20 pieces of Nevada fiscal

Library Accessions

Mr. Campbell, ANS Librarian, reported on the donation by Joseph R. Lasser, of Charles Patin's, *Imperatorum Romanorum Numismata* (Strasbourg, 1671). In referencing this volume, Campbell found it to be a second issue according to the listing in Christian Dekesel's *Charles Patin : A Man without a Country*. This led Campbell to re-assert his praise for Dekesel's bibliographic works, which he says have contributed to a "revived interest in re-examining the early numismatic works." The

Librarian pointed to the recent publication of John Cunnally's Images of the Illustrious: The Numismatic Presence in the Renaissance as being indicative of this interest. Cunnally, a former ANS Seminar participant, is now Associate Professor of Art History at The College of Design. Iowa State University. The title of his book is inspired by Andrea Fulvio's "Illustrium Imagines," published at Rome in 1517. Cunnally argues that the ubiquitous presence of coins and coin images, such as those found in the Imagines and other works, made comprehensible to literate Europeans of the time, the lost world of the ancients.

Campbell also noted that the Society had received the numismatic library of the late Charles A. Hersh, a collection which reflects Mr. Hersh's own interests, namely, the Roman Republican coinage and the coinage of the Macedonian Kings. In closing his report on acquisitions, the Librarian mentioned that the Society had just received the Garrett Numismatic Archives, an outstanding donation about which he would have more to say at a later date.

It was also noted that the conversion of the Library's card catalogue to MARC coded records was virtually complete and that the Library looks forward to the day when all of the Library's catalogued records are available on the Web.

Fifth Arab-Byzantine Forum at the ANS

On Saturday, November 13, specialists in the coinage of the eastern Mediterranean in the seventh century gathered again to discuss the humble little copper coins with representations of Byzantine emperors and Greek inscriptions that were issued by the Arabs, or under Arab rule, or imported into Arab Muslim territory; in fact, the most interesting of these are often those with the most mysterious origins. The meeting was once again organized by Charles Karukstis, whose help and support are greatly appreciated.

Nine of the thirteen participants gave papers or informal presentations, and all participated in the lively discussions. The meeting began at 10:00 after coffee, doughnuts, and warm-up conversation.

The more formal presentations were:

Cécile Morrisson, "Anomalous Byzantine coins and Arab Byzantine issues in Northern Syrian excavations."

Charles Karukstis, "Meshorer's 'Enigmatic Coin' Revisited."

Henri Pottier, "Heavy anomalous folles in the name of Heraclius issued in Syria during the Persian war (610-630)" (read by Cécile Morrisson).

Peter Lampinen, "Anomalous Arab-Byzantine Material in the Caesariyya Museum"

Clive Foss, "Some Anomalous Arab-Byzantine Coins."

Harry Bone, "On Variations in the Weight and Diameter of the Standing Caliph Coppers." Before lunch, Michael Bates read a series of e-mail communications from Lutz Ilisch of Tübingen University suggesting a classification of Byzantine and Arab-Byzantine issues by fabric.

Jay Galst showed slides of recent acquisitions and other remarkable coins in his collection, and Emmett McDonald brought some actual three-dimensional examples for display.

Dr. Chase Robinson, an Oxford lecturer now at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, concluded the meeting with brief remarks from the point of view of a non-numismatist historian. Others present at the meeting were Gordon Frost, Eric Ivison, William J. Leitold, David Olster, and Lawrence Silbert.

DAMASCUS MEETING

Society Chief Curator William E. Metcalf participated in a conference sponsored by the Ministry of Culture of the Arab Republic of Syria, the Directorate General of Antiquities and Museums of Syria, and the Institut Français d'Archéologie du Proche-Orient held in Damascus on November 10 and 11. Metcalf spoke on "Rome to Antioch and Antioch to Rome," exploring the relationship between the two mints through their imperial history. The program included representatives of the museum and scholarly communities in Syria, as well as numismatists and historians from Belgium, France, Great Britain, Lebanon, and Poland. Also representing the United States was ANS President Arthur Houghton, who spoke on "The Production of Money by Mints in the Seleucid Core."

THE PROGRAM

The Syrian and French hosts extended themselves on behalf of their guests. The evening of November 9 included a reception at the Damascus home of IFAPO, the French institute for study of the ancient Near East. Nov. 10 and 11 included the papers, and on Nov. 12 the participants boarded a bus to tour the site of Bosra, in southeastern Syria. (Bosra is ancient Bostra, which has been widely accepted as

the mint of Trajan's Arabian coinage since Dr. Metcalf's article in *ANSMN* 20 [1975].) The return trip included a stop in Sweida, which houses one of the most modern archaeological museums in Syria.

Prior to the conference Metcalf joined Andrew Burnett and his wife Susan Allix and François de Callataÿ and his wife Pascale in an archaeological tour that covered over 1000 miles in 6 days. Sites visited included Hama, Aleppo, Seriilla and the dead cities, Crac de Chevlaiers, Dura-Europus and Palmyra. For part of the tour they were also in the company of past ANS President Arthur Houghton and his wife Linda, who did their own tour by car. Burnett and de Callataÿ are both former visiting scholars at the Graduate Seminar (1982 and 1995 respectively), and the round table also included a presentation by Michel Amandry of Paris (1985); Olivier Picard, Visiting Scholar in 1999, chaired one of the sessions. Other participants included Frédérique Duyrat and Christian Augé of IFAPO; Olivier Callot of the Maison de l'Orient, Lyon; Bachir Zouhdi of the Museum of Damascus; Ziad Sawaya of the Lebanese Museum in Beirut; Kevin Butcher of the American University in Beirut: Aleksandra Krzyzanowska of Warsaw; Abdul Razak Zagzoug of the Museum in Hama, and Maurice Sartre of the University of Toulouse.

> Front row: Andrew Burnett. Keeper of Coins at the British Museum; William E. Metcalf, ANS Chief Curator. Back row: François de Callataÿ. Conservateur-en-Chef at the Bibliothèque Royale Albert 1er, Brussels; Michel Amandry, Directeur du Cabinet des Médailles. Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris; and Olivier Picard, Professor at the Sorbonne. The five are seated in the Odeon at Bosra (ancient Bostra, capital of Trajan's new province of Arabia) listening to a presen-Metcalf is Director of the



Fowler Memorial Lecture

On September 25, 1999, Dr. Michel Amandry, Director of the Cabinet des Médailles in Paris and professor at the University of Paris IV, the Sorbonne, gave the second annual Harry W. Fowler Lecture on "Roman Provincial Coinage: Between Civic Pride and State Control."

The speaker, a renowned specialist in Roman Provincial coinage and one of the authors of Roman Provincial Coinage (1992), attracted a large and enthusiastic audience. His lecture gave an excellent overview of provincial coinage and its themes and problems. The lecture was followed by a lively period of questions and answers which extended into the reception and then, later in the evening, into a dinner at Uncle Nick's.

It was a great honor and a great pleasure for the ANS and its members to host such a distinguished speaker. Amandry spent the following week working with the ANS collection as part of his preparation for the forthcoming *RPC* volumes.

FELLOWSHIP IN ROMAN STUDIES

The Fellowship in Roman Studies for 1999/00 has been awarded to Michael J. Thomas, a graduate student in the Department of Art History and Archaeology at the University of Texas at Austin. Thomas holds a B.A. from Duke University and an M.A. in Art History from Southern Methodist University. He has also served as Field Director of the Poggio Colla excavation in Tuscany.

Thomas's dissertation is entitled "The Forum of the Emperors: Propaganda and Dynastic Legitimacy in the Imperial Forum Romanum, 27 B.C. to A.D. 305." He is spending the fall term at the ANS studying numismatic representations of monuments in the Forum.

LIBRARY NEWS

We are happy to report that the library's dictionary card catalogue is now completely converted to machine-readable records. All of the cards sent to Gaylord Information Systems of Syracuse, NY have been safely returned and library staff is presently able to search and edit the entire database using keyword terms. Some 120,000 records, representing the entire catalogued library collection of books and periodicals, have been converted to MARC tagged records. Upon completion of an additional 20 trays of auction catalogue records, half of which have already been sent to Gaylord, the entire conversion project will be successfully completed.

During early August, Wayne L. Hill of Dallas, Texas, who developed the library's order/accession software, visited the Society in order to conduct a preliminary study of cataloguing software needs. Mr. Hill spent several days discussing requirements with both the Librarian and Assistant Librarian. Based on our conversations, he will develop a library cataloguing module that will dovetail with the existing order/accession modules. Records created with this cataloguing software will ultimately appear on the Society's website, where they can be accessed via keyword searching.

We are very grateful for the following publications which were generously donated by authors and publishers:

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 Rreference to Lincoln Cent Mint Mark

 Varieties (Savannah, 1999)
- Hal V. Dunn, Catalog of Western 'Good for Trade' Mirrors (Granada Hills, Ca, 1995)
- Mike Ellis, ed., *Lincoln Cent RPM Price Guide* (Savannah, 1999)
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- Anthony J. Taraszka, *United States Ten Dollar Gold Eagles*, 1795-1804 (Portage, MI, 1999)
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- John A. Wexler, Ron Pope, and Kevin Flynn, *Treasure Hunting Buffalo Nickels* (Savannah, 1999)
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- Novella Vismara, Ripostigli d'epoca preellenistica (VI-IV sec. a. C.) con monete della Lycia arcaica: aspetti e problemi di distribuzione e di circolazione. Catalogo dei ritrovamenti di Lycia(?) 1972(?) e di Lycia(?) 1973(?) (Milan, 1999)
- Michael R. Molnar, The Star of Bethlehem: The Legacy of the Magi, (New Brunswick, NJ London, 1999)
- Yaakov Meshorer, Shraga Qedas, Samarian Coinage, Publications of the Israel Numismatic Society, Numismatic Studies and Researches, vol. IX, (Jerusalem, 1999)

Modern and Foreign Numismatics

- Lorenzo Bellesia, *Le monete dei Gonzaga di Novellara* (Campagnola, Italy, 1999)
- Maurice Cammarano, Corpus luiginorum:
 Recueil général des pièces de cinq sols
 ou douzièmes d'écu dits "Luigini,"
 1642-1723, suivi de douzièmes d'écu,
 pièces de cinq sols et luigini conservés
 au Cabinet de Médailles de la
 Bibliothèque Nationale de France, par
 Michel Dénin et de Note sur un trésor
 de pièces de cinq sols provenant de
 Grèce conservè au Cabinet de
 Médailles de la Bibliothèque Nationale
 de France, par Michel Dhénin et Jean
 Duplessy (Paris/Monaco, 1998)
- Adolfo Clemente and Juan Cayon, Las monedas espanolas del tremis al euro del 411 a nuestros dias (Madrid, 1998)
- John Cunnally, Images of the illustrious: The Numismatic Presence in the Renaissance (Princeton, 1999)
- Claudio Franzoni, ed., Il "Portico dei

- Marmi": Le 1999 prime collezioni a Reggio Emilia e la nascita del Museo Civico (Reggio Emilia, Italy)
- Carlos Lazo Garcia, Economia colonial y regimen monetario: Peru: siglos XVI-XIX (Lima, 1992)
- Guan Han Heng, Illustrated Catalog of the Ban Liang Currency (Shanghai, 1995)
- Cem Mahruki, *Cumhuriyet donemi hatira* para'lari (Istanbul,1998)
- Arnold Nieuwendam, Carla Klein beeldhouwster medailleur (Amsterdam, 1993)
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- Pere Pau Ripolles and Maria del Mar Llorens, Els diners van i vénen (Valencia, 1999)
- J. Taelman, Gedenk- en Historiepenningen van de Kastelenij en Magistraat Kortrijk (Bruges, 1994)
- Malcolm E. Williams, Peter T. Sousa, and Edward C. Harris, eds., *Coins of Bermuda*, 1616-1996, 1st ed. (Hamilton, Bermuda, 1997)
- Chen Ye and Wang Yi-ming, Comments on currency (Beijing, 1997)

From Joseph R. Lasser, New York City, the library has received the second issue of Charles Patin's *Imperatorum Romanorum Numismata ex aere mediae et minimae formae: descripta & enarrata* (Argentinae/ Strasbourg, 1671). A fine selection of historical and archaeological texts have been donated by Pierre Bastien of West Windsor, New Jersey.

Richard Verdery of New York City has given a number of works on Islamic numismatics and several translations of works by classical authors were received from Mrs. Thomas Troxell, Jr., Caldwell, NJ. Various auction catalogues were donated by Catherine E. Bullowa, Philadelphia, Adam Philippidis, New York, and Dr. Ralph R. Sonnenschein, Malibu. Readers wishing further information concerning the above publications should address inquiries to the Librarian or email at campbell@amnumsoc.org.

J. Sanford Saltus Award and Stephen K. Scher Lecture on German Themes

On Saturday, February 12, 2000, the ANS will host the annual presentation of the J. Sanford Saltus Award for Signal Achievement in the Art of the Medal at 3 p.m., at our Audubon Terrace headquarters. The presentation will be accompanied by the annual Stephen K. Scher lecture on the Art and History of the Medal.

The Saltus Award recipient for 2000 is Bernd Göbel of Halle, Germany, long familiar to fans of the modern medal for his noteworthy contributions to FIDEM exhibits and his leadership in the East German, and now the German, FIDEM delegation. The Scher Lecture will be delivered by Dr. Wolfgang Steguweit, Chief Curator of the Numissmatic Collection of the National Museum in Berlin, on the subject "Medallic Art in Germany during the 20th Century, in Particular the Work of Contemporary Artists."

At the meeting, the ANS will open a retrospective exhibit of Göbel's medallic work. The ANS will also initiate a major exhibit on "The German Medal," which will run in the East Hall of the Audubon Terrace building through May 14. The exhibit will survey the art of the medal in Germany from the renaissance to the Second World War. In addition to pieces from our own strong holdings in this field, the exhibit will include works on loan from private collections, especially medals of Renaissance Germany.

In conjunction with the exhibits at the ANS, there will be an exhibit of contemporary German medallic art at the Medialia ... Rack and Hamper Gallery, 335 West 38th St., which will open on February 13.



On November 20, the jury for the USA exhibit for the 2000 Congress of the International Medal Federation (FIDEM) met at the ANS. From left to right: Dr. Alan M. Stahl, USA Delegate to FIDEM: E. Bud Wertheim; Beverly Mazze: and Cory Gillilland.

China's Currency in the Twentieth Century

The coinage and paper money of China during the last hundred years will be the subject of a symposium at the ANS on Saturday, May 6, 2000. Papers, informal talks, and display of materials on any aspect of China's twentieth-century money are invited. Those who wish to speak should communicate immediately with one of the two organizers, Dr. Michael L. Bates, Curator of Islamic Coins, or Dr. John M. Kleeberg, Curator of Modern Coins.

China's eventful recent history produced an enormous variety of numismatic material. As the century began, the Qing Empire had just begun the process of converting its traditional cast copper coinage system to a modern monetary system based on the use of mint machinery (talks on this transition are of interest for the symposium, even on late nineteenth-century events). The overthrow of the Empire and establishment of a Republic in 1912 led to the disintegration of China into provinces often controlled by autonomous warlords, each with a separate coinage and paper money. Most paper money was issued by banks, of which there were hundreds. The situation was further complicated by European control of certain territories, such as Macao, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Qingdao, and by the Japanese invasion of the northeast, creating puppet states and banks with their own currencies. Most of the nation was reunited by the Communist victory in 1949, but Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao

There will be a \$40 registration fee for all participants, including speakers. It is expected that the meeting will last all day. Lunch will be provided.

DAY OF THE ETRUSCANS

On Saturday, February 26, 2000 the ANS will host the Day of the Etruscans, the annual meeting of the Etruscan Foundation. This event has been very successful in the past years and has attracted a diverse public of scholars and collectors interested in Etruscan art, archaeology and coins. The program will include an illustrated lecture on a topic to be announced later. There will be exhibits of ANS Etruscan coins and rare books on Etruscan coinage.

ANA World's Fair of Money

This year's ANA 108th anniversary convention held from August 11-15, 1999, at the Rosemont Convention, Chicago, was a successful week for the American Numismatic Society. The floor of the convention was packed with tables, and the attendance was large. Council members Donald Partrick, Arthur Houghton, Cliff Mishler, Eric Newman, as well as Executive Director Ute Wartenberg and Development Officer Arlene Jacobs attended the convention. One of the major attractions was a morning-long debate between Michael Hodder and T.V. Buttrey on the question of authenticity of a group of Western assay bars. Eric Newman presented a well-attended talk on the theft of large cents from the ANS's collections by Dr. Sheldon in the 1960s, whereas Ute Wartenberg spoke to the Numismatic Bibliomania Society about the plans for the new ANS building at 140 William Street. The new ANA President, Robert Campbell, was sworn in at the ANA banquet which was one of the highlights of the convention. As every year, the Numismatic Literary Guild entertained its members and other guests at an evening dedicated to events from the numismatic world. The ANS was specially honored in a song performed by Executive Director Ed Reiter,

which featured ANS members like Eric Newman, Ute Wartenberg, John Ford and Michael Hodder. On the Wednesday of that week, many joined Cliff Mishler to celebrate his 60th birthday. Another memorable event was an evening reception at the home of ANS Fellow, Harlan Berk, at which many ANS members were present. As in previous years, the ANS's table on the bourse floor attracted many members and visitors. Thanks to the continuous help of many ANS volunteers, the ANS staff was able to help visitors and members with enquiries. Many new members joined thanks to the superb recruiting efforts of the staff and the volunteers. We are very grateful to George Cuhaj, Bob Julien, Richard Lansky, Bob Leonard, Russell J. Logan, Charles Menard, Drew Michyeta, Peter Pallas, Doris Sayles, Wayne Sayles, Warren Schultz, Tom Sheehan, Thurman L. Smith and Bill Warden for their hard work and effort during that week.

Day in the Country at Krause Publications

After a long week on the bourse floor of the ANA convention in Chicago, many numismatists were given the chance to relax in the beautiful surroundings of Iola,

The new president of the ANA, Robert Campbell (left) and ANS Executive Director Ute Wartenberg could not resist the temptation of driving in a WWII Sherman tank through the woods in Iola. The tank is one of several hundred vintage cars and vehicles owned by Chet Krause and Krause Publications. George Cuhaj, a former ANS employee and now working for Krause Publications, took





Ute Wartenberg and Arlene Jacobs at the ANS table at the Chicago convention.

Wisconsin. Krause Publications had invited several hundred people to visit their headquarters in Iola. Ute Wartenberg and Arlene Jacobs had accepted the invitation to spend a "Day in the Country." On August 15 almost 100 people, among them many ANS members, boarded a private train in Chicago. The train 'Silver Rail', pulled by a locomotive from the 1960s, consisted of several different cars, among them a Vista Dome observation car and a beautiful dining car. For most of the people on the train it was the first time that they had been in 1940s railway cars, with their original fittings. Staff from Krause Publications, among them Chet Krause, the founder of the company, and KP President Cliff Mishler, made everyone feel at home. Thanks to plenty of food, drink and very enjoyable company, the long train ride to Iola passed very quickly.

The next morning, a tour of Krause Publications offered fascinating insight into this extraordinary business. The group was shown how the publications of KP are produced: the writers, cataloguers, journalists, and editors were present to explain their work, the advertisement department, distribution and sales departments, warehouses and much more were shown to the visitors. In the afternoon, over three-hundred visitors enjoyed various activities that included golf, fishing, or a visit of the collections of vintage vehicles owned by Chet Krause and Krause Publications. After these two days everyone was most grateful to Krause Publications, and especially Chet Krause and Cliff Mishler, for two very special days.

THE GREAT DEBATE: A COMMENT BY Q. DAVID BOWERS

In its 1997 issue, the AJN published an article entitled 'False Western American Gold Bars'. Its author, T.V. Buttrey, discussed a group of assay bars which he condemned as modern forgeries. The article has generated much discussion. In March 1999, Michael Hodder delivered the Groves lecture on Western Assay Bars in which he took issue with Buttrey's view and defended the authenticity of many of the pieces that had been condemned by Buttrey. In August 1999 the American Numismatic Association organized as part of their educational theater program at the 1999 World's Fair of Money in Chicago a debate between Michael Hodder and Theodore Buttrey. Over the last few months numerous articles on this topic have appeared in the numismatic press.

The following comment was sent by ANS Fellow Q. David Bowers. As all other communications or articles in the AIN or other publications of the ANS, it does not represent the opinion of the ANS or any of its officers and staff. This communication will conclude the discussion on this topic in any of the publications of the American Numismatic Society.

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Reference is made to an article, "False Western American Gold Bars," by T.V. Buttrey, in American Journal of Numismatics, Second Series 9 (1997). As part of Mr. Buttrey's dissertation he notes that "In the 1950s previously unknown western [gold] bars began to appear on the market...bearing the names of firms previously unknown as manufacturers of gold bars-Adams, Argenti, Bates, Bell, etc. The list runs to about fifty different names." He went on to state that certain items that I had catalogued for our 1982 auction presentation of selections from the Henry Clifford Collection were false. I was not given a copy of the Buttrey article before it appeared in print. Further, I am not aware that Mr. Buttrey did any of the following things, which would have been easy enough to have done:

1. View the items being offered in the

Clifford sale

- 2. Ask to inspect them or even subject them to non-destructive metallic analysis.
- 3. Correspond with me concerning his opinions about them.

Let me say that as of this present writing (January 1999), not a single person other than Mr. Buttrey has made even the slightest negative comment about the items in the Clifford sale, and bidders at the sale—including some of America's leading dealers, specialists, and experts—were all very enthusiastic about the items presented.

In his article, Mr. Buttrey stated, in part, "Because the documentation is so poor there is almost no literature bearing directly on the western bars. What we are told of them is found almost entirely in individual entries in the auction catalogues and is unsupported...."

He then went on to focus primarily upon the auction catalogues of B. Max Mehl, of Fort Worth, Texas, noting that a survey of the complete corpus of his catalogues through to the end of his series in the 1950s disclosed the listing of only two gold bars, one from the New York Assay Office and the other from the Denver Mint.

If I had consulted these catalogues as my prime source, I would have to agree that there is "almost no literature bearing directly on the western bars."

However, it is too bad that Mr. Buttrey did not take the effort to consult contemporary San Francisco business directories, or if he did, he overlooked the numerous advertisements of firms—including some he mentioned—that, in fact, made the manufacturing of gold bars one of their most important business specialties. I can, simply by looking in one or two directories, furnish multiple assayers who advertised that they made gold bars. Some of these advertisements occupy a full page, and thus are not very hard to find.

Good news for Mr. Buttrey (and many others as well). Researcher Dan Owens has completed the manuscript for a new book, the working title of which is An Encyclopedia of California Coiners and Assayers Related to Numismatics, 1849-1863. Upon publication, Mr. Buttrey will find hundreds of pages of documentation about firms that issued gold bars, nearly all of this material having come from readily

available sources

I agree with Mr. Buttrey that B. Max Mehl catalogues have very few gold bars of any kind. However, I could also make the statement that if I were researching certain other fields, I certainly would not use Mehl's catalogues as my prime source. As examples, Mehl's fine catalogues cortain very little in the way of descriptive listings of such series as National Bank notes, Civil War tokens, numismatic books and literature, and mint errors—and this is just a short list.

This absent-from-Mehl-catalogues comment could be applied to hundreds of different American numismatic items, not just to Western gold bars and the subjects listed. Just because something was not listed in a B. Max Mehl catalogue does not mean that it does not exist.

At this point let me suggest that as a student of American numismatic history, I have seen many instances in which series that are very popular today were lightly chronicled, if at all, in early auction catalogues. This is because of several factors: either the items were not known (such as the 1817/4 overdate Capped Bust halfdollar, first publicized in the early 1930s, but for which there are now seven examples known), or were not particularly popular (very little is to be found in print prior to the 1940s concerning numismatic varieties of National bank notes-today a tremendously popular field of numismatic activity, or the aforementioned mint errors). It is the case that many different areas in numismatics that are popular today were lightly treated in earlier times. or were not featured in auction catalogues, or were not studied intensively.

The comment by Mr. Buttrey, "How is it that bars which had been unknown for a hundred years were suddenly not just available, but relatively common and so diverse?" could similarly be applied to any number of other American series. As noted, one does not have to look very far outside of regular federal coinage series to find many areas to which this "logic" could fit—how about early 19th century trade tokens of Illinois? How about National Bank notes of Maine? Such series have become popular and widely discussed in print since the 1950s; earlier.

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many numismatists ignored them. Even in the federal series there are countless discoveries dating from the 1950s to present, including the startling news, published in the late 1970s, that a previously unknown date and mintmark had been found: the 1870-S half dime. The list could be extended on and on.

Indeed, many discoveries have been made since the 1950s, and more discoveries will be made in the future.

If a given gold bar was first discovered in 1953, or 1964, or yesterday, that does not mean that it is *false* or even *questionable*. A great example is provided by the discovery in the late 1980s of the long-submerged *S.S. Central America* which brought to light an even more dazzling array of gold bars—some of them weighing many *pounds*, and bearing imprints not earlier known to currently exist, although such existed at one time—per early advertisements.

Concerning my own experience with Western numismatic Americana—bars and coins—I do not claim to know the last word on the subject, and I may discover something new tomorrow. However, I have enjoyed these series for a long time. In 1965 when Stackpole Books worked with the American Numismatic Society to reprint Edgar H. Adams' classic 1913 reference, *Private Gold Coinage of California*, 1849-1855, I was asked to provide the new foreword, and I did.

Over the years I have written extensively about the Gold Rush and its relation to numismatics including in Adventures with Rare Coins (1978), American Coin Treasures and Hoards (1997), The Treasure Ship "S.S. Brother Jonathan" (1999), and in The Numismatist. I have catalogued and presented for sale some of the most important cabinets of California and related gold coins ever to be auctioned including the Garrett Collection (1979-1981 for The Johns Hopkins University), ingots and patterns from the Henry Clifford Collection (1982), the Norweb Collection (1987-1988), the Virgil M. Brand Collection (1983-1984), and the Louis E. Eliasberg, Sr. Collection (1982, 1996, and 1997), among others. Along the way I have catalogued examples of nearly every major variety of territorial and private gold coin, many different gold bars, and every regular issue coin ever struck by the San Francisco Mint including the unique 1870-S \$3.

Spectacular Gift of Indian Gold Coins to ANS

The gold coinage of India from the year 1000 to today is the focus of a remarkable collection formed by Dr. Lawrence B. Brilliant and donated in October to the American Numismatic Society. The collection includes 153 gold coins and two exceptional silver and bronze pieces, representing all the major dynasties and issuers of medieval and early modern India.

The donation was arranged through the good offices of William B. Warden, Jr., Chair of the ANS Committee on Islamic Coins.

Most of the coins are new to our collection. Illustrated is a dinara of Vigraharaja IV, of the Hindu Chauhan dynasty, who ruled Sambhor and Ajmir from 1153 to 1163, and a quarter tanka of the Muslim general 'Ali Mardan, who ruled Bengal,





1210-12, as governor for the Ghurids who conquered the province for Islam.

The non-gold coins are a silver 2 reales piece struck in London under Elizabeth I, in 1600, for the use of the East India company in India and elsewhere in Asia, and a bronze pattern for gold mohurs proposed to be issued for the Bombay Presidency of the British East India Co. in 1828.

It is hoped that the collection, once fully accessioned and catalogued, can be the focus of a future exhibit. Dr. Brilliant's generosity and interest in the Society's South Asian collection is very gratefully appreciated.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

A substantial private endowment has enabled Macquarie University in Sydney to establish the Australian Centre for Ancient Numismatic Studies. The objectives of the institution, apparently the first of its kind in the southern hemisphere, include continuing excellence in the study of ancient numismatics; a link to national and international research programs; facilitation of visits with other universities, museums, and similar bodies; assisting university students in the study of ancient numismatics; publishing the results of the institution's studies and catalogues of its ancient coin collection, and presenting lectures on ancient numismatics. The institution, which anticipates appointing a director shortly, will have as a resource a numismatic library and a collection of over 2,500 Greek and Roman coins as well as the university's existing collection.

The trend of major auction houses to put their catalogues on the Internet has reached Europe. A number of commercial firms have taken to offering excellent quality digital images of their sale offerings. While presently this is still a complement to and not a substitute for traditional catalogues, the trend may eventually put the economic viability of the latter in question. That in turn would raise difficult

questions both for collectors of numismatic literature, for whom such catalogues have long been a staple, and for scholars, who can more readily use "hard copy."

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Members Obituaries

Chester Starr, Fellow of the Society since 1987, died on September 22, 1999 at the age of 84. Starr was the author of the standard work *Athenian Coinage 480-449 BC*. Starr was best known among the general public for his *History of the Ancient World* (1965), which is one of the classic textbooks on antiquity. His widespread research interests included military history (*Roman Imperial Navy*, published in 1941), and Roman imperial history. He wrote over 20 books and was the author of numerous articles and book reviews.

Starr, born in 1914, graduated from the University of Missouri; he received his PhD in 1938 from Cornell University. He served in the United States Army from 1942-46; he was decorated with the Decorated Bronze Star and the Croce di Guerra of Italy. From 1940 to 1970 he was a Professor at the University of Illinois. In 1970 he was made Professor at the University of Michigan where he was the Bentley Professor of History from 1973 to 1985.

U.S. Government Advisory Panel Meets on Italian Request for Import Restrictions by Peter K. Tompa

On October 12, 1999, the US State Department's Cultural Property Advisory Committee met in public session on an Italian Government request for import restrictions on a wide variety of artifacts dating from the 5th millennium BC to the 5th c. AD, including ancient Greek and Roman coins. The Cultural Property Advisory Committee is composed of experts who advise the US President on the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act which implements the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Italy made its request pursuant to the terms of the 1970 UNESCO Convention.

Approximately 45 interested parties attended this public session. This group included representatives from the collecting public, antiquities dealers, museums and archeologists.

Archeologists acted as the main proponents of import restrictions. They argued collecting ancient artifacts without a provenance encourages the pillage of archeological sites. For that reason, they support requiring importers of such artifacts to disclose the provenance of any antiquity brought into the United States. If the importer cannot demonstrate that the article was legally excavated and exported from Italy or show conclusively that it originated from some other country, they believe that US Customs should seize the item if it could have come from the Italian soil.

The collecting public and the antiquities dealers argued against the imposition of any import restrictions. Speakers espousing this view emphasized that antiquities have been avidly collected for hundreds of years. Hence, it is unreasonable to assume that all antiquities without a provenance were looted recently from Italy. Some of the speakers also attacked Italian antiquities law that dates from the Mussolini era. Under that law, all antiquities found in Italian soil are considered state property. Others questioned Italy's own handling of its cultural wealth. These speakers charged that many of Italy's archeological treasures are destroyed each year due to the ambivalence of the Italian authorities.

Arthur Houghton, outgoing President of

the American Numismatic Society, indicated that the Committee should be wary of imposing import restrictions on common items like ancient coins. Houghton spoke as a former member of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee from 1983-1987. He indicated that when he served on the Committee, the Committee imposed import restrictions on items from El Salvador from a specific region with a unique culture. He said that by comparison the Italian request was massive and very complicated. Accordingly, the Committee should consider the request in parts and narrow its focus.

Peter Tompa, a new ANS Council member, also spoke. He indicated that ancient coins should not be restricted because they simply are not items of "significantly rare archeological stature" as required by the Cultural Property Implementation Act.

Malcolm Bell, an archeologist affiliated with the University of Virginia, took the opposite view. He first spoke about Italy's current efforts to end pillage. He then catalogued specific instances of pillage of coins from Morgantina and Kamarina. In a short statement, R. Ross Holloway, a Brown University professor, decried any investment in ancient art lacking a provenance. He also supported Bell's statements about coins.

Interested persons should contact the Committee to express their views. The Committee, by statute, includes representatives of various interest groups. museum interests include the Committee Chair, Dr. Martin E. Sullivan, the Executive Director of Historic St. Mary's City, MD., and Stephen E. Weil, Emeritus Senior Scholar, Center for Museum Studies, Smithsonian Institution, Hester A. Davis, Arkansas State Archeologist, Susan K. McIntosh of Rice University, and Prudence M. Rice of Southern Illinois ology and anthropology. Gerald Steibel represents the interests of dealers. Miguel Corzo, Richard Lanier, and Lawrence Reger represent the general public.

For a more detailed version of Peter Tompa's article, see *The Celator*, vol. 13, no. 12, Dec. 1999, pp. 32-33, 36.

Peter K. Tompa Elected New Council Member

At its meeting on October 23, 1999, the Society's Council elected Peter K. Tompa to the Council.

Mr. Tompa is an attorney with Carr Goodson Lee and Warner in Washington. He graduated from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service with a BS in Foreign Service; he also graduated cum laude from Washington College of Law, American University.

At a meeting of the US Cultural Property Committee to discuss a request by the Italian Government that the US impose import controls over all antiquities from Italy, Mr. Tompa presented the case for exempting coins from import restrictions because of their unique nature as objects that traveled widely.

Mr. Tompa collects Greek and Roman coins. He became a member of the Society in 1993 and was elected Fellow in 1999.

New Members Welcomes

At its meetings on August 19 and October 23, the Society's Council elected the following either as new or reinstated members of the ANS. Newly elected Associates are:

Mr. Charles Anderson, Skokie, IL Mr. Almudena Ariza Armada, Madrid, Spain

Mr. Rafael C. Borromeo, Makati City, Philippines

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Mr. Luca Gianazza, Castellanza (Varese),

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Reinstatements

Three members were welcomed back as ANS Associates:

Mr. Rob Golan, Hills Borough, NC

Mr. Robert L. Harwell II, Atlanta, GA Mr. Peter Mosiondz Jr., Bellmawr, NJ

New Life Members

The following members converted to Life Membership:

Mr. Lucien L. Birkler, Arlington, VA Albert F. Englehardt, McLean, VA Wayne G. Sayles, Gainesville, MO

Alumni News

David Olster ('81) has published What Life Was Like amid Splendour and Intrigue (Time-Life)....Joe Scholten ('84) has published The Politics of Plunder: Aetolians and Their Koinon in the Early Hellenistic Era, 279-217 B.C. (University of California).

ANS EXPRESSES GRATITUDE TO GENEROUS HOLDERS OF CIRCLE MEMBERSHIPS FOR 1999

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December January	31 1 15	Society closed for New Year. Society closed for New Year. David M. Bullowa Conference 3:00 P.M.	Feature Stories 1999 Annual Meeting ANS President	1 1
February	17 22 12 21 26	Society closed for Martin Luther King's Birthday. AMSA Board Meeting at ANS 11:00 AM. Saltus Medal Award and Steven K. Scher Lecture, 3:00 P.M. Society closed for Washington's Birthday. The Day of the Etruscans at the ANS: Annual Meeting of the Etruscan Foundation; exhibition of ANS collection of Etruscan coins and rare Books 2:00 PM.	Museum News Bullowa Conference New ANS Staff Members Arab-Byzantine Forum Fowler Memorial Lecture Library News	2 3 4 5
March	18	ANS Council Meeting 12:30 PM. Huntington Award Meeting. Presentation of the medal in recognition of outstanding achievement in numismatic scholarship.	Saltus and Scher Lecture ANA Convention	6 7 8
		Following the award ceremony, the recipient will deliver the Margaret Thompson Memorial Lecture. Exhibition in the Library of representative works by the honoree.	Research News Indian Gold Coins Gift to ANS	10
April	15	Groves Forum in American Numismatics.	International News Comments	10
May	6	AMSA Board Meeting at ANS 11:00 AM. "China's Currency in the Twentieth Century"; Michael Bates Registration required 10:00 AM.	The Great Debate Import Restrictions Tackled	9
	20 29	Second Annual Krause-Mishler World Coins Forum 3:00 PM. Society closed for Memorial Day.	Society Business Peter Tompa New Council Member	11
June	17	Council Meeting, 12:30 P.M. ANS Members Recognition Day. Ceremonies honoring members celebrating 50 years membership in the ANS and recognition of	Circle Members Holiday Appeal	12

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